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**RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 10, 2001, election of a single disclosed species is required between Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to workpiece-transfer device with a product-housing section and a material-housing section or Group II, claims 12-18, drawn to workpiece-transfer device with a plurality of suction pad. Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group I, claims 1-3** for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 35 U.S.C. 121 are retained.

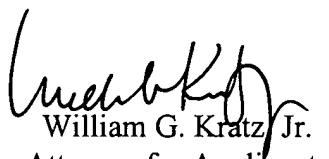
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